

# Forestry-Career Development Event Sponsored by: TN FFA Alumni Association



**Purpose:** To stimulate student interest and to promote forestry instruction in the agricultural education curriculum and to provide recognition for those who have demonstrated skills and competencies as a result of forestry instruction

**Background:** The forestry industry is one of the largest industries in the state of Tennessee and in the nation. The industry is important to every county in the state. The FFA is providing an incentive for its members to become more informed and proficient in forest management and the forest industry.

FFA members who participate in the Forestry Career Development Event will develop the ability to:

- Understand and use forestry terms.
- Promote an understanding of the economic impact of the forest environment and the forest industry to the American economy.

- Recognize multiple use opportunities in the forests.
- Recognize environmental and social factors affecting the management of forests.
- Identify major species of trees of economic importance to the United States and internationally.
- Identify hand tools, equipment, and their uses in forestry management.
- Recognize and understand approved silvicultural practices in the United States.
- Identify forest disorders.
- Take a forest inventory.
- Utilize marketing management strategies.
- Recognize safety practices in forest management.

This CDE is currently held on the state and national levels and consists of teams of three to four FFA members. All chapters in Tennessee are eligible to compete on the state level at the state CDE held around the first of June at Camp Clements, the state FFA Camp. The state winner will represent Tennessee at the National FFA Convention in October. The state CDE is judged by business and industry people proficient in their knowledge of accepted forest management practices.

**Visibility:** The sponsor of this award will be recognized in the following ways:

- Immediate press release recognizing the new partnership.
- Statewide recognition at the state FFA convention in front of 2,500 FFA members.
- Statewide media recognition through press releases in agricultural publications.
- Name of sponsor on plaques received by FFA members.

**Budget:** The annual cost of this three-year commitment is \$5000.00. This amount of support each year will provide the award plaques with sponsor's name on each of three regional levels, communication on the statewide level, lodging and food for the state CDE, and travel expenses for the

winning team to the National FFA Convention.

Expected Results: This partnership will generate added interest and excitement in this award area. Through this increased interest more students will focus their skill development in the area of forest management.